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RE: UNITED STATES v. ROBERT DAVIS

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Robert Davis, age 36, a Buffalo resident, pled guilty in federal court to bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) which carries a maximum possible sentence of a term of imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Rogowski, who prosecuted the case, stated that Davis, in pleading guilty, admitted robbing the HSBC Bank located at 937 Main Street, Buffalo, on August 26, 2002. In committing the robbery, the defendant handed a note to the teller demanding money and threatening violence if the teller did not comply. The teller gave the defendant \$80 and the defendant fled from the bank. A number of witnesses saw the defendant leave the bank and pointed out his escape route to a Niagara Frontier Transit Authority officer who responded to the robbery call. The defendant hid in a nearby office building where he was found a few minutes after the robbery by officers from the Buffalo Police Department.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority Police, under the direction of Chief Joseph Riga, and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Police Commissioner Rocco Diina.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 26, 2003, before the Hon. John T. Elfvin, United States District Court Judge.

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